REMARKS

In a Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter the "Board") mailed June 24, 2009, the Board reversed the rejections in the previous action from the Examiner. The Examiner reopened prosecution with the Director's approval, and cited new references in an Office Action mailed July 29, 2009. Applicants filed a response on October 28, 2009. The present outstanding Office Action, Paper No./Mail Date 20100128, dated February 5, 2010, indicated that the application is now in condition for allowance upon the correction of certain formal matters.

Claims 1-4, 7, and 17-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-6 and 8-16 have been cancelled.

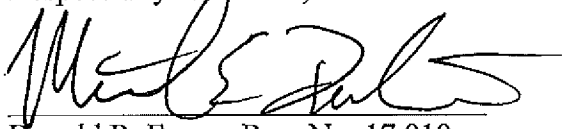
The Title of the application has been amended to comply with MPEP §606.

The Abstract of the application has been amended to comply with MPEP §608.01(b).

No new matter has been added.

The corrections requested by the Examiner have been made. It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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